

Use of LEA Grant Funds

Public Resources Code section 43230 authorizes the CIWMB to expend grant funds to local enforcement agencies to carry out the solid waste facilities permit and inspection programs. Because these programs encompass a broad scope of work, LEAs have considerable latitude in the use of the funds. However, the use must apply to LEA solid waste program tasks and must provide a benefit to the program. Most of the expenditures will fall in the categories of analysis, education, training, equipment, maintenance, personnel and transportation. "Special use" expenditures, such as public education, will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by LEA Grant program staff.

Analysis/Evaluation/Testing: The LEA may utilize a variety of engineering, environmental, laboratory, and legal services. The funds may not be used for services that are the responsibility of another party such as the owner or operator.

Education: Funds may be used for education – this includes continuing education to maintain certification and to remain current in solid waste management and technology. The funds may also be used for membership fees, subscriptions to reference materials, and educational materials including public education.

Training/Travel: Training costs may include classes, seminars, conferences, Roundtables, expenses for meeting rooms, and connected expenses. Costs related to the LEA solid waste program including travel for training and inspections and per diem expenses, excluding food and beverages, are eligible.

Equipment: Funds may be used to purchase computer systems and services, communication equipment, field equipment, health and safety clothing and equipment, and office equipment and supplies. Expenses for audio/visual equipment and supplies for hosting training, Roundtables, or other presentations may be included. Equipment purchases must be designated specifically for the solid waste program and not for other existing programs.

Maintenance: Costs associated with equipment and vehicle maintenance are eligible.

Personnel: Personnel costs for program staff, consultation and administrative services associated with the LEA solid waste program are allowed. The funds spent for staffing are limited to salaries and benefits and may not include overhead expenses.

Transportation: Costs for tires and inspection vehicles used in the LEA solid waste program are eligible.